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THE HUMBLE
PETITION

OF

The Gentrie and Commons of the
Countie of YORK, presented to His
Majestie at York, April 22. 1642.

AND

His MAJESTIES Message
sent to the Parliament, April 24.

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Concerning Sir John Hothams Refusall to give
His Majestie Entrance into Hull.



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To the Kings most Excellent
Majestie.

The humble Petition of the Gentry and Com-
mons of the Countie of YORK.

Most Royall Sovereign,

ENcouraged by Your Majesties ma-
ny Testimonies of Your gracious
goodnesse to us and our Coun-
tie, which we can never suffici-
ently acknowledge; We in all du-
ty and loyalty of heart addresse
our selves to Your Sacred Majestie, beseeching
You to cast Your eyes and thoughts upon the
safety of Your own Person and Your Princely
Issue, and this whole Countie, a great meanes of
which we conceive doth consist in the Arms and
Ammunition at *Hull*; placed there by Your
Princely care and charge, and since upon generall
apprehension of dangers from Forreign parts
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represented to Your Majestie, thought fit as yet to be continued. We for our parts, conceiving our selves to be still in danger, do most humbly beseech Your Majestie that You will be pleased to take such course and order that Your Magazine may still there remain, for the better securing of these and therest of the Northerne parts: And the rather because we think it fit, that that part of the Kingdom should be best provided where Your Sacred Person doth reside; Your Person being like *Dauids*, The light of Israel, and more worth then ten thousand of us.

Who shall daily pray, &c.

His



¶ His Majesties Message sent to the
Parliament, April 24. 1642.

Concerning Sir John Hothams Refusal to give
His Majestie Entrance into Hull.



His Majesty having received
the Petition enclosed from
most of the chief of the Gen-
try neer about York, desiring
the stay of His Majesties
Arms and Ammunition in his Magazine at
Hull, for the safetie (not onely of his Ma-
jesties Person and Children, but likewise
of all these Northern parts: The man-
ifeste reasons of great Dangers inducing
them to make their said Supplication)
Thought it most fit to go himself in Per-
son to his Town of Hull, to view his
Arms and Ammunition there, that there-
upon he might give Directions, what
part thereof might be necessary to re-
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main there, for the security and satisfaction of his Northern Subjects, and what part thereof might be spared for Ireland, The arming of his Majesties Scots Subjects that are to go thither, Or to replenish his chiefeſt Magazine of the Tower of London; where being come upon the three and twentieth of this instant April, much contrary to his expectation, he found all the Gates shut upon him, and the Bridges drawn up, by the expresse command of Sir John Hotham, (who for the present commands a Garrison there) and from the walls flatly denied his Majestie Entrance into his said Town, the reason of the said denial being as strange to his Majestie, as the thing it self, It being, That he could not admit his Majestie without breach of Trust to his Parliament: which did the more incense his Majesties anger against him, for that he most Seditiously and Treacherously would have put his disobedience upon his Majesties Parliament; which his Majestie being willing to

to clear, demanded of him if he had the
 impudence to aver, that the Parliament
 had directed him to deny his Majestie en-
 trance, and that if he had any such Or-
 der, that he should shew it in writing, for
 otherwise his Majestie could not beleve
 it; which he could no wayes produce, but
 maliciously made that false interpretation
 according to his own Inferences, con-
 fessing that he had no such positive Order,
 which his Majestie was ever confident
 of: But his Majestie not willing to take
 so much pains in vain, offered to come in-
 to that his Town onely with twentie
 horse, finding that the maine of his pre-
 tence lay, That his Majesties Traine
 was able to Command the Garrison:
 Notwithstanding, his Majestie was so
 desirous to go thither in a private way,
 that he gave warning thereof but over-
 night; which he refusing, but by way of
 Condition (which his Majestie thought
 much below him) held it most necessarie
 to declare him Traitor (unlesse upon
 better thoughts, he should yeeld obedi-
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ence) which he doubly deseru'd, as well for refusing Entrance to his naturall Sovereign, as by laying the rea on thereof groundlesly and maliciously upon his Parliament.

One Circumstance his Majestie cannot forget, That his Son the Duke of York, and his Nephew the Prince Elector, having gone thither the day before, Sir John Horham delayed the letting of them out to his Majestie till after some consultation.

Hereupon his Majestie hath thought it expedient to demand Justice of his Parliament against the said Sir John Horham, to be exemplarily inflicted on him according to the Lawes, and the rather, because his Majestie would give them a fit occasion to free themselves of this imputation, by him so unjustly cast upon them, to the end his Majestie may have the easier way for the chastising of so high a disobedience.